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SUBJECT: SPC UNRWA DEBATE: EGYPTIAN RESOLUTIONS

REF: (A) USUN 4963 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 5039 (NOTAL)

1. AS MISSION RECOMMENDED (REF B), IF RESOLUTIONS ARE
VOTED ON SEPARATELY, YOU SHOULD VOTE YES ON WEST BANK
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RESOLUTION (PARA 2 REF A) AND ABSTAIN ON GAZA RESOLUTION

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(PARA 3 REF A).

2. IF RESOLUTIONS ARE COMBINED, MISSION SHOULD ABSTAIN ON ENTIRE RESOLUTION.

3. MISSION SHOULD NOT CALL FOR PARA BY PARA VOTE ON A COMBINED RESOLUTION, BUT IF SUCH A VOTE IS CALLED FOR BY OTHERS, MISSION SHOULD VOTE YES ON PARAS FROM WEST BANK RESOLUTION, AND ABSTAIN ON OPERATIONAL PARAS FROM GAZA RESOLUTION.

4. USDEL SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER VOTE, IF RESOLUTIONS ARE PUT TO A VOTE SEPARATELY. IF THEY ARE PRESENTED AS ONE RESOLUTION, PERTINENT ELEMENTS OF THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE USED TO EXPLAIN THE VOTE.

QUOTE. MY DELEGATION VOTED FOR THE FIRST RESOLUTION -- WHICH DEALT WITH DISPLACED PERSONS -- BECAUSE IT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR LONG-STANDING INSISTENCE THAT PERSONS DISPLACED IN THE 1967 WAR SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THEIR PLACES OF HABITATION AT THE TIME OF THAT WAR. IT ALSO ACCORDS WITH ARTICLE 13 OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION WHICH STATES, INTER ALIA, THAT "EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LEAVE ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING HIS OWN, AND TO RETURN TO HIS COUNTRY."

WE ABSTAINED ON THE SECOND RESOLUTION BECAUSE WE FIND IT ILLOGICAL THAT A RESOLUTION WHICH PURPORTS TO RELIEVE THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES CALLS FOR A RETURN OF REFUGEES TO CAMPS. IT SEEMS ANOMALOUS TO ASK ISRAEL TO RETURN TO CAMPS THOSE REFUGEES WHO HAVE FOUND OR BEEN PROVIDED WITH MORE ADEQUATE HOUSING OUTSIDE THE CAMPS, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT WISH TO RETURN TO CAMP EXISTENCE. END QUOTE.

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